

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed concurrently with an Appeal Brief submitted in support of the Notice of Appeal filed on September 24, 2004 in the above referenced application.

Claims 36-39, 41-44 and 46-49 are pending in this application. Claims 36, 39, 41, 44, 46 and 49 are cancelled herein to reduce the issues for appeal. It is presently intended that these claims will be re-presented in another related application.

Therefore, claims 37, 38, 42, 43, 47 and 48 remain pending in this application, of which claims 37, 42, and 47 are independent.

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone at the below listed local telephone number, in order to expedite resolution of any remaining issues and further to expedite passage of the application to issue, if any further comments, questions or suggestions arise in connection with the application.

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